

Classy Scraps

KUMASI

Named after the ancient capital of the Ashanti kingdom in Ghana, this stunning afghan celebrates the rich, colorful heritage of African culture and is an amazing example of artistic crochet colorwork.

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SKILL LEVEL



FINISHED SIZE

Approximately 40 × 56 inches

MATERIALS

- [NaturallyCaron.com](#) Country medium (worsted) weight yarn (3 oz/185 yds/85g per ball): 2 balls each #0004 green sheen (A), #0020 loden forest (B), #0017 claret (C), #0013 spruce (D), #0023 chocolate truffle (E), #0011 gilded age (F) and #0014 deep purple (G) 1 ball each #0010 sunset (H), #0003 soft sunshine (I) and #0024 black (J)
- Size H/8/5mm crochet hook or size needed to obtain gauge
- Stitch markers
- Yarn needle

GAUGE

Large square = 4 inches across

PATTERN NOTES

Chain-3 at beginning of row or round counts as first double crochet unless otherwise stated.

Join rounds with a slip stitch unless otherwise stated.

Each strip is worked from the bottom up. Assembly option: All pieces (rectangles, small squares and large squares) can be made separately, arranged as shown in assembly diagram and sewn or single crocheted together.

Throw is worked in five long strips. Each strip is worked from the lower edge upwards and is made from rectangles, small squares, and large squares. After all five strips have been made, the strips are single crocheted together.

Refer to the Assembly Diagram frequently. The Assembly Diagram shows the order in which squares and rectangles are made in each strip. The diagram also shows the colors used when making each piece. The letters in each shape indicate the sequence of colors used in that shape. For example, in the Large Rectangle at the beginning of Strip 1, you will work 6 rows with I followed by 6 rows with D. In the Large and Small Squares, the first letter(s) indicate(s) color used in the first (first and 2nd) round(s) while the 2nd letter(s) indicate(s) the colors used in the 2nd (3rd and 4th) round(s).

Large and Small Squares are worked in joined rounds, with RS facing at all times. A “join-as-you-go” technique is used to join the squares to the top of the partially completed strip and previous squares. Squares are joined to previous pieces while working the last round (joining round). When the first piece in a strip is a square, the square is not joined to any previous pieces.

Rectangles are worked back and forth in rows. The first row of most rectangles is worked directly onto the top edge of the partially completed strip. When the first piece in a strip is a rectangle, the first row is not worked directly onto the edge of previous pieces. Instead, a traditional foundation chain and row of single crochet stitches is worked.

SPECIAL STITCHES

Beginning cluster (beg cl): Yo, insert hook in indicated ch-sp and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, yo, insert hook in same ch-sp and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, yo and draw through all 3 lps on hook.

Cluster (cl): Yo, insert hook in indicated ch-sp and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook, [yo, insert hook in same ch-sp and draw up a lp, yo and draw through 2 lps on hook] twice, yo and draw through all 4 lps on hook.

Make-join: Drop lp from hook, insert hook from front to back in next joining location of top of strip or neighboring piece, place dropped lp on hook, draw dropped lp through st or sp.



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Strip #1

Begin by working a Beginning Rectangle (see *instructions*), working 6 rows with I and 6 rows with D. Continue Strip by working Joined Small Squares, Large Squares and Joined Rectangles in the order and color combinations shown in Assembly Diagram.

Strip #2

Begin by working a Beginning Large Square, working 2 rnds with C and 2 rnds with J. Continue Strip by working Large Squares, Joined Rectangles and Joined Small Squares in the order and color combinations shown in Assembly Diagram.

Strip #3

Begin by working a Beginning Rectangle, working 2 rows with H, 2 rows with B and 2 rows with F. Continue Strip by working Large Squares, Joined Rectangles and Joined Small Squares in the order and color combinations shown in Assembly Diagram.

Strip #4

Begin by working a Beginning Rectangle, working 3 rows with A, 2 rows with C, 2 rows with D, 2 rows with G and 3 rows with I. Continue Strip by working Joined Small Squares, Large Squares and Joined Rectangles in the order and color combinations shown in Assembly Diagram.

Strip #5

Begin by working a Beginning Large Square, working all 4 rnds with F. Continue Strip by working Large Squares, Joined Rectangles and Joined Small Squares in the order and color combinations shown in Assembly Diagram.

Beginning Rectangle

Note: *Follow these instructions when working Beginning Rectangle for Strips #1, #3 and #4 only. For all other rectangles, follow the instructions in the Joined Rectangle section (below).*

Row 1 (RS): Ch 32, sc in 2nd ch from hook, sc in each rem ch across, turn. (31 sc)

Row 2: Ch 3 (see *Pattern Notes*), dc in each st across, turn.

Row 3: Ch 1, sc in first dc, ***fpdc** (see *Stitch Guide*) around next dc, sc in next dc, rep from * across, turn.

Note: *Refer to Assembly Diagram for number of rows to be worked in this rectangle.*

Next rows: [Rep rows 2 and 3 alternately] as stated until one less row than specified in Assembly Diagram has been worked.

Last row: Ch 1, sc in each st across. Fasten off.

Joined Rectangle

Row 1: With RS facing, join yarn with sc in first corner of partially completed strip, work 31 sc evenly sp across the top edge of the strip.

Next rows: Beg with row 2, rep as stated in Beginning Rectangle.

Joined Small Square

Note: *If the same color is used for rnds 1 and 2, do not fasten off.*

Rnd 1 (RS): With first color, ch 4, **join** (see *Pattern Notes*) in 4th ch of beg ch-4 to form a ring, ch 3, 2 dc in ring, ch 3, [3 dc in ring, ch 3] 3 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-3. Fasten off first color. (12 dc, 4 ch-3 sps)

Mark Joining Locations

Before joining first Joined Small Square to top of partially completed strip, place 17 stitch markers evenly sp across the top edge. Place the first marker in 1 corner and the last marker in the opposite corner. Sp the other 15 markers evenly between the first and last marker. These markers indicate the joining locations for the 4 small squares that will be joined to the top edge.

When joining the edge of the 2nd, 3rd and 4th Small Squares to the edge of the previous Small Square, the joining locations are the corner ch-1 sps and the 3 ch-1 sps across the edge. Place markers in these locations on the previous Small Square, if desired.

Work one of the following rnd-2 joining rnds, as appropriate. When instructed to make-join, insert hook in next joining location (marked location on top of Strip, or next joining ch-sp on edge of previous Square).

Joining First Small Square to Top of Strip

Rnd 2 (joining rnd): With RS facing, join 2nd color with sc in top of beg ch, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, working to join next edge of current square to top of Strip (sc, ch 1, **make-join**—see *Special Stitches*, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp, working around unjoined sides, *ch 1, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining 2nd, 3rd & 4th Small Square to Top of Strip and Previous Small Square

Rnd 2 (joining rnd): With RS facing, join 2nd color with sc in top of beg ch, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, working to join next edge of current square to side edge of previous square, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, make-join inserting hook in top corner ch-1 sp of previous square, sc) in next ch-3 sp, ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join in same joining location as corner of previous Joined Small Square, sc) in next ch-3 sp, working to join next edge of current square to top of strip, ch 1, make-join, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, make-join, (sc, ch 1, make-join, sc) in next ch-3 sp, working around unjoined sides, *ch 1, sc in next dc, ch 1, sk next dc, sc in next dc, ch 1, (sc, ch 1, sc) in next ch-1 sp, ch 1, in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining Remaining Small Joined Squares to Previous Small Squares Below & Beside

Join 2nd row of small squares in same manner, joining into the ch-1 sps and corner ch-3 sps of the previous row of small squares. Join the inner corner to the corresponding corner of the square diagonally across from the current square.

Beginning Large Square

Note: Follow these instructions when working first Large Square of Strips #2 and #5 only. For all other Large Squares, follow the instructions in the Joined Large Square section (below).

Rnd 1 (RS): Ch 4, join in 4th ch of beg ch-4 to form a ring, ch 4 (counts as dc and ch-1), [dc in ring, ch 1] 11 times, join in 3rd ch of beg ch-4. (12 dc, 12 ch-1 sps)

Rnd 2: Ch 3, **beg c1** (see *Special Stitches*) in first ch-1 sp, *ch 3, **c1** (see *Special Stitches*) in next ch-1 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, hdc in beg c1, forming last ch-sp. (12 cls, 12 ch-sps)

Rnd 3: Ch 1, sc in first ch-sp, *ch 5, sc in next ch-3 sp, rep from * around, ch 2, dc in first sc, forming last ch-5 sp. (12 sc, 12 ch-5 sps)

Rnd 4: Ch 1, sc in first ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp (*corner*), *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Joined Large Square Mark Joining Locations

Before joining first Large Square to top of partially completed Strip, place 9 stitch markers evenly sp across the top edge. Place the first marker in 1 corner and the last marker in the opposite corner. Sp the other 7 markers evenly between the first and last marker. These markers indicate the joining locations for the 2 Large Squares that will be joined to the top edge.

When joining the edge of the 2nd Large Square to the edge of the first Large Square, the joining locations are the corner ch-3 sps and the center ch-5 sp across the edge. Place markers in these locations on the previous Large Square, if desired.

Joined Large Square

Rnds 1–3: Rep rnds 1–3 of Beginning Large Square.

Joining First Large Square to Top of Strip

Rnd 4 (joining rnd): Ch 1, sc in first ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, working to join next edge of current Square to top of Strip, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, make-join, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, working around unjoined sides, *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, rep from * around, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

COLOR KEY

Single crochet seam

CCCBBAA DDGGG				HD	FC	IA	GB	DDDAAA IIHHH				GGIBFA DCIBFF				AAAGGG							
JJBB		DDEE		AADDIICC BBEE				EH	BG	DC	GA	CCEE		HHAA		FFDD		CCEE					
CCFF		GGAA		FFBB		CCDD		AADDFF FFBBII				GGFF		DDBB		CC	GG	BB	HH				
AE	BF	IH	GD	EEHBCG DEHBCG				CCJJ		AAHH		FC	BH	ID	CA	FF	AA	DD	II				
HG	DI	CB	FA	AAGG		IIBB		GGGDDD				EI	DB	AG	HJ	FFJBHJ							
FFFFFF JHBFDA GGEEEE				HHCC		DDFF		IB	GH	BC	EA	FFFFFF GGHHCC				IIGG		EEAA					
CCAA		IIDD		IIBBBB DDAAAA				BBEBFB CBGBDB				DDJJAA		HHDD		BBCC							
DDBB		FFGG		JC	BA	FH	GE	CCII		AADD		BBBB		CCCC		GGFFGG FFGGFF							
BBBBA AACCC				HF	EG	DI	CA	HHGG		FFJJ		IIII		EEEE		CG	EH	AE	DF				
IJ		FG	AD	CI	AD	IB	GC	BJ	BBAABB				GGAGAG IHBHBH				CCEAA BBBBB						
GA		BC	HB	DF	HHHDDG GCCFFF				AAFF		IIDD		GB	FC	HI	DE	AAGG		FFHH				
HHDD		EEII		BBEE		GGII		EEEAADD BBICCCCC				AAJJ		FFGG		DDDDDD							
GGCC		AAFF		DDFAFH FCFBFA				GGCC				HHFF		DDCC		HHBB		DG	FC	EB	BH		
DF	BJ	ID	CA	IIAA		BBHH		EEDD				CCBB		EB	IJ	BA	EF	HE	GA	AD	CF		
AB	HI	EC	GF	CCJJ		FFGG		HHBBFF				AAACCDD GGIII				EEDDFF GGAHH				BBBB		CCCC	
IIIII DDDDDD				CCJJ		FFGG		HHBBFF				AAACCDD GGIII				FFFF				GGGG			
Strip #1				Strip #2				Strip #3				Strip #4				Strip #5							



Joining 2nd Large Square to Top of Strip & First Large Square

Rnd 4 (joining rnd): Ch 1, sc in first ch-sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, working to join next edge of current Large Square to side edge of first Large Square, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join in top corner ch-3 sp of First Large Square, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, make-join, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join in same joining location as corner of First Large Square, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, working to join next edge of current Large Square to top of strip, ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 3, makejoin, ch 2, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 2, make-join, ch 1, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, working around unjoined sides, *ch 1, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 5, sc in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, (5 dc, ch 3, 5 dc) in next ch-5 sp, ch 1, join in first sc. Fasten off.

Joining Remaining Large Squares to Previous Large Squares Below and Beside

Join 2nd row of Large Squares in same manner, joining in the corner ch-3 sps and side ch-5 sps of the previous row of Large Squares. Join the inner corner to the corresponding corner of the Square diagonally across from the current Square.

FINISHING

Using yarn needle, weave in all ends. Block Strips.

ASSEMBLY

Strips #1 and #2

Joining row: With WS of Strips #1 and #2 tog (*RS facing*) and working through both thicknesses, join E with sc at beg of strips, sc evenly sp across. Fasten off.

Remaining Strips

Rep joining row to join Strips #2 and #3, Strips #3 and #4 and Strips #4 and #5.

EDGING

Rnd 1: With RS facing, join E with sc anywhere in edge of throw, sc evenly sp around, working 3 sc in each corner, join in first sc.

Rnd 2: Ch 1, working in **back lps** (see *Stitch Guide*), sc in each sc around, working 2 sc in each corner, join in first sc. Fasten off. ■